

my labor is recorded. You will read it by and by.

To Brother Wise I desire to say, I returned your report on church work immediately. The calls for preaching in the Brethren church at Dallas Center are just as urgent as ever. I can say, not boasting, the church, has a glorious prospect, I thought last spring of making a change, thinking it would be well for both church and pastor. Money was not my object. If it had been, I should have accepted a salary in preference to working all week and preaching three sermons on Sunday.

I have accepted the charge of the church at Dallas Center, for the coming year. If it were not for the assistance of my wife this would have been impossible. Here is the report of last Sunday's work: On Saturday night at 12.00, there was a loud rap at the hall door. I soon learned the cause was death. I was requested to preach a funeral at Grimes, in the Presbyterian church, at 10.00 a. m., on Sunday. I could not refuse. I had three appointments that day. I told the messenger I would be there. He drove off through roads almost impassable. I returned to my room, to wonder how I was going to preach four sermons and drive 25 miles in one day. I left home early in the morning. Found a crowded house. Darkness found me driving into Dallas. I was sick and tired. I looked up street, saw the Brethren church full and more coming. I drove one block farther to the place we call home, sweet home. I had only five minutes to brush off the mud, and get to the church. By the right kind of help this was accomplished. I felt that it was next to impossible to preach. I had not been in the church ten minutes, until I realized the right spirit prevailed. How easy to preach to a congregation that is in the spirit. After church and the usual hearty hand shaking, some said: "Brother Flora, when you are called from home appointments, don't be over anxious, for we would rather hear your wife than you." This I was glad to hear, for there is no room for jealousy between us.

This Sabbath is a fair sample of my work, since I have been in the Brethren church. It is impossible for a man to do justice to the church and be crushed with finances all week. He may endure it spiritually, but he will fail physically.

We have received four members from the Dakota church. Brother and sister Brenaman came this spring, to make their home at Dallas, and are joyfully received.

I rejoice to hear good news from the general brotherhood. My life is consecrated to the interest of the Brethren church. My father was elder of the four churches on the line where I am working. The moss is growing over his grave. On the plain marble stone is an open bible, and there inscribed in plain letters: "Preach the word." I love the brethren because they are all willing to suffer all things for that same word. We have a grand, glorious work before us. Truly, the Lord has been our help. Praise Him.

NOAH FLORA.  
Dallas Centre, Iowa.

**Buckeye City, Ohio, Items.**

DEAR EVANGELISTS; I am probably under obligations to make an apology, for my long silence, but it has not been intentional. I have been very busy for the last year, but as I have closed my years work for the Brethren of West Independence, Ohio. I will now have a little leisure to write occasionally. I began our work for them on April 18, 1891, and closed May 1, 1892. Made 19 trips; preached 65 sermons for them, and a small class at Arlington. The result of the work was two baptized, two reclaimed, and last Sunday received two applicants for baptism. The outlook is good for an ingathering in the near future. Peace, good will and love prevail among the membership, as far as I know. Although I was only with the brethren for one year I formed an acquaintance with them that will be of sweet remembrance. In all our services, in business or worship, or visiting, not a harsh word do I remember of hearing in reference to one another. I am ready to turn the work over to Brother Baughman, my successor. They would have liked for me to serve another year, and I would have been pleased to do so, but organizing another church within 20 miles of them, in which Bro. Baughman lives, and it being 115 miles for me to travel, and Brother Miller having left us, the brethren here at Buckeye City, demand that I shall serve them for the next year. And again: my sons, whom I have been depending on to run the farm, leaving home it makes it too much for me to do them justice, with the time I have to give to college work. So I close the year by saying to the Brethren of West Independence, and Arlington, I am under many obligations to you for the love and good will you have shown me while laboring with you. May you ever prove as faithful through life, as you have been through the last year. And if it is never my pleasure to engage in the sweet services in our Heavenly Father's house, or at your homes, may we meet in the sweet by and by, where no farewell tears are shed, is my prayer.

Brother J. Allen Miller closed his labors with the Brethren of Buckeye City in December 1891. He served us as pastor for nearly three years, and the combined efforts of the members, Brother Miller, the Word and the Holy Spirit brought forth

success. We enjoyed the happy privilege of seeing over 60 persons unite with the church. And he did not have to leave because he was worn out, but he was as popular as when he commenced. Having calls from other places, and having an indebtedness we concluded to let him off, and now I am into the harness at home for another year's donated work.

Our Sunday school gave a very fine entertainment on Easter evening. Everybody pronounced it grand. We will probably open up some new places during the year, and try the missionary work. If we succeed we will enlarge our territory over Ohio, as it seems that our missionary board has retired, or gone on a journey, or taking a Rip Van Winkle sleep. I hope that is not the case.

ISAAC ROSS.

**Homer, Ohio, Items.**

The Homer church, taking everything into consideration, is perhaps, one of the most prosperous churches in the Brotherhood. Eight years ago, when the present pastor took charge of the church, there were three members besides himself and wife living near the meeting house, and a few scattered over a territory ten or twelve miles away. Today we number eighty-five baptized believers, and several applications for baptism. The waters of Black river are frequently disturbed by the administration of Christian baptism. There is a spot in Brother McDonald's field that has become sacred to us, for scores have knelt there in prayer before entering the liquid grave, to come up and first step on that spot in the newness of life.

Our communion service was held Saturday night, May 7th, and it was a lovefeast indeed to us. Sixteen new recruits for the army of Prince Emmanuel communed for the first time. And nobly did they bear the cross before their late associates, while the older soldiers helped them along by being at their posts, and by their smiles and loving looks gave encouragement to the work. We had prepared two extra tables for the occasion, and these were crowded, so that we nearly crowded the spectators out of the house, having taken up nearly all the room by communicants. So may it ever be. We were favored with the presence of eight of the Fair Haven church, and two from Ashland, including Elders Kiefer and Garber, who preached a very interesting discourse on Sunday.

We have a splendid Sunday school, in attendance it exceeds last year, by perhaps 10 or 15, and in interest it certainly has lost nothing. The interest of the Sunday school here is in good hands. It could not well be otherwise, for we have a host of good workers who are always ready and willing to make the work of Sunday school a success.

Our church work is going on. We have preaching every Sunday at the meeting house, and once a month at a mission post on the outskirts of this church. We are in love and union. The people love their pastor and he loves them. The Homer church is a living witness of the success of a located ministry. We are more than ever convinced of the necessity of more pastoral work. To build up and hold, the work must be done by the pastor.

Brethren and sisters remember us.  
H. S. JACOBS.  
Homerville, Ohio.

**New Enterprise News.**

Many are the trials and adversities of life, temporal, national and in church. Sometimes there seems to be all sunshine and prosperity, the result of which is often the means of inducing individuals or organizations to grow negligent and careless concerning their best interests. Then as a result of this negligence, retrogression begins to make its appearance and a dark cloud appears. Then the exclamation goes forth why is this? A little examination of the past would give explanation: why?

The Brethren church has only been in existence a few years, and has had its seasons of sunshine, when all looked bright and prosperous. Then upon the other hand it had its seasons of darkness and distress; sometimes almost groaning under its heavy burdens. Why? A portion may be attributed to not quite enough care and system. Congregations have had trouble from this cause. But I am glad to know that while the church has had many long and hard struggles, she has stood firm on the gospel alone doctrine and principles, and today has the brightest future she has ever had. When I call to mind the success and advancement it has made in the last few years, both in the laity and ministerial line, I am made to exclaim: "If the Lord is for us who can be against us?" When the old veterans of progression have their ranks swelled with such men in the ministry as Brethren D. C. Moomaw, S. J. Harrison, S. S. Garts, M. M. Eshelman and others, in the ministry and laity. Men of gospel principles, energy, push, grit, and grace, surely a bright day has dawned on our beloved church.

But brethren and sisters, while this is true we should not think of taking a vacation or growing negligent; but let our efforts increase in the great and good work. The more helpers we have, the more ought to

be done. All should do what they can for the good and welfare of the church. Each should strive for a position in the front rank. An old Virginia adage was "Mow while it rains and make hay when the sun shines." This can be applied to us. While the future is bright and promising let us be the more diligent and careful. Then the adversities will be less numerous.

Our semi-annual communion will be held at New Enterprise, May 29. Brother J. H. Knepper, of Johnstown, is expected to be with us. All of like faith are heartily invited.

May the Lord bless the church that there may be a steady marching on to victory.  
J. F. KOONTZ.  
New Enterprise, Pa.

**Lanark News.**

On Monday evening, May 2nd, the brethren and sisters of Lanark met in their place of worship for the purpose of reorganizing their S. School. They decided that the work of the officers of the past year was favorable enough to reelect the same for the ensuing year. And so they did. Superintendent, C. P. Puterbaugh; assistant superintendent, B. F. Sheller; secretary, Edith Grossman; treasurer, Marshal Nelson; organist, Emma Lichty; chorister, W. H. Herrington; librarians, Millie Swigart, Carrie Plum.

Our list of teachers is as follows: Z. T. Livengood, J. S. Snively, Benjamin Puterbaugh, C. Rowland, Mrs. Z. T. Livengood, D. S. Lichty, Emma Lichty, Lizzie Brenaman, Emma Puterbaugh.

The following is the secretary's report of the Brethren's S. School for the year ending May 1st, 1892.

Total attendance, 4836.  
Average attendance, 93.  
Total collection, \$85.28.  
Average collection, 1.64.

About six years ago, we were a little band numbering about 35 in all, children included. We started a Sunday school under rather unfavorable circumstances. Considering our weakness, and six other schools running in the same town, you may know our outlook was not any of the brightest. But with our earnest work and God's assistance, we have grown gradually from year to year until today we stand about first in our town in size. And may we continue in this good work, until he who ruleth well says: "Enough, come up higher," and that he may say: "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many."

Then unto him will we ascribe all glory and honor and power and dominion. Yours in truth,  
C. P. PUTERBAUGH.  
Lanark, Ill, May 8, 1892.

**The Pittsburg Communion.**

Our communion was well attended and every thing passed off pleasantly. The best of order prevailed by those who came in to see a gospel alone church commune and practice the ordinances of God's house as the Brethren church understands the New Testament Scriptures. We as a church love to hold these love-feasts, for many reasons. First, they were instituted by our Lord. Second, they bring us into a closer relationship to God our Father. Third, they give us spiritual strength. Fourth, it is right and we love to follow closely in the footsteps of our blessed Master.

I could not in my weakness ever tell the many reasons why these ordinances were given to the children of men. The blessed Master knew they were for our good and spiritual welfare, and we as professed followers should not absent ourselves from the Lord's table when the opportunity is afforded us. We had a good Sunday. Brother Spanogle stood on Zion's wall and preached the gospel to both saint and sinner regardless of what men may say. Brother Spanogle is always on the safe side, and gives us good, sound gospel, and that is one of the things that has done us good as a church. Our brethren have always given us gospel preaching. Brethren remember us in your prayers.  
D. J. BOLE.  
N. Rebecca St., Pittsburg, Pa.

**Consecration.**

This day was dedicated to a more thoroughly consecrated ministry, and an increase in number of ministers. While I was meditating over this matter, an impression came to me like this: Should we not be equally concerned for a devoted, consecrated laity, as well as the ministry? I believe if the laity were up to their duty and privilege in consecration of their time, talent, and support of their own ministers, it would be easy for the minister to devote his entire time and energy to the good of the church.

Again, if we would better systematize the support of the ministry, it would encourage "Laborers into the vineyard." The maintenance of the family would not then quench the spirit when it calls to one "go preach the gospel." We are commanded as well to provide for those of our household as we are to preach.

I heartily endorse this effort by fasting and prayer, and only mean to insist on each Christian to pray earnestly for the spirit of self consecration, and let God have his way with the laity as well as with the ministry. May the strong effort of fasting and prayer by the church today be heard in Heaven and answered on earth, is my desire.  
Fraternally  
M. LIGHTY.

Rockwell, Ks., May 8.

**I Had Better Not Written it.**

Some time ago I wrote an article under the heading: A College Certificate, in which I stated that there were notes to the amount of \$185 given by the Millersburg church, and had been paid and the notes were not surrendered. Now I thought I was telling the truth as certainly as any man could, and in fact it was tainted strongly with the truth, and things looked like we were not treated right, and I was losing confidence. But I learned from brother I. D. Bowman that my statement referred to in my article never reached him, and the explanation he gave satisfied me that the officials are not to blame for our not getting our notes. And now I insist that if my former article reflected upon them in the least that this will dislodge all such reflections.

But the most humiliating part to myself I have yet to pen, and that is, that quite recently in looking over father's papers I found father's note of \$100 that he had the same as the certificate I referred to in my former article and did not know he had it. This would cut the amount down less than half. I thought I was telling the whole truth, but it seems I did not get in quite half. And now I will say if the brotherhood and especially those interested in the welfare of the college, will pardon me for writing what I ought not to have written, I will try and do better in the future; and I wish the college a glorious future.

JOHN A. MYERS.  
Millersburg, Iowa.

**Mt. Zion News. Ohio.**

Our quarterly business meeting was organized by electing D. Hendricks moderator. Meeting opened by singing 23rd Psalm, and prayer. An indebtedness of ten dollars including incidental expenses was provided for. A vacancy having occurred on the board of trustees, brother Simeon Blackstone was elected for three years. Everything passed off harmoniously. There was a fair turn out of members, but not as large as should have been.

And now brethren and sisters, let us do better in the future, and make those quarterly business meetings a grand success, a spiritual reunion. The last Saturday in July will be the next meeting. The brethren and sisters of Mt. Zion are encouraged. Our Sunday school is in good working order. Brother N. M. Palmer is superintendent, and sister Clara St. Clare, secretary. Brother C. Deffenbaugh is pastor. Sunday school and church are in good hands. Sunday school every Sunday at 9 A. M. We use Baptist Sunday school literature. Preaching by the pastor every two weeks. We expect to hold a communion meeting some time in June. Brother Wise said in the last EVANGELIST that he had received no reports yet from churches. I reported the Mt. Zion church three weeks or more ago. If not received it is lost. If so, send another blank.  
DANIEL HENRICKS.  
Maxville, Ohio.

**From Metcalf, Missouri.**

We feel very much rejoiced. Yesterday in the river near his house, in the presence of two hundred persons, Brother Roberts baptized three persons, one sister and two brothers. One of them came 133 miles in order to be baptized the same time as his wife. Quite a number came ten miles to witness the ceremony and some came twenty-five miles. Since the third Sunday in July, 1891, Brother Roberts has traveled to and from his appointments by his own conveyance 690 miles; has preached 121 sermons and two funeral discourses. There have added to the church by relation two; by baptism three, and one applicant for baptism at next meeting at that place and a number say they will come.

Just before the baptism thirty-three persons took dinner at Brother Roberts'.

We now have in our number of brethren one among the best educated men in this part of the state, and our little church of ten members is with the exception of the writer hereof, a model.

Wishing an interest in the prayers of all, Fraternaly.  
H. P. METCALF.

**Pittsburg, Ohio, still Prospers.**

The brethren and sisters are still alive and earnest in the work, trying to serve our Lord and Master as best we can. We had regular service last Sabbath morning and evening. One dear sister of the M. E. church came forward and identified herself with the Brethren church, she having received baptism by trine immersion some time before this. We extended to her the right hand of fellowship. During this part of the service the true spirit of love, peace and union was manifested by all the brethren and sisters, and many others who took part in the service.

Brother S. Mikesell and brother Wm. Hart of Troy, Ohio, came to Pittsburg on the second Sabbath in April, and preached two excellent sermons. Their labors were cordially received, and the word preached by them made good and lasting impressions on many hearts. We hope they will come again. We are happy to believe that the good work begun at Pittsburg will prosper and not come to nought as some have predicted. We praise God that the army of the Lord is still increasing.  
J. M. JAY.  
Pleasant Hill, Ohio, May 2.

**National Convention Notice.**

Our Secretary, Bro. Gnagey, has published the proceedings of the executive committee, relative to the appointment of committees, having in charge the topics so far presented for consideration at our convention.

Bro. Gnagey has in charge the issuing of the "official call" for the general convention which will be done as soon as the time can be definitely named; but it was high time that the various committees were notified concerning their part of the work, and feel to say further as of immediate importance that the first one named of each committee, is the chairman of that committee, and he should at once take the matter in hand to secure the co-operation of the other members of the committee in preparing a written report to the general convention on the topic assigned to it for deliberation.

Vacancies on the committee may be filled by the chairman and if the chairman himself cannot serve he should notify the chairman of the Nat. Ex. Committee so that another can be appointed immediately to take his place.

E. L. YODER.  
Chr. Nat. Ex. Committee.

**Dunlaps Doings.**

Last Sunday I could not attend Sabbath school on account of sickness in my family; but I was informed that there were ninety-four scholars present. Now six and four are ten. Then add ninety and it makes one hundred. There were four of the six on the sick list. There are at least three or four families within hailing distance that have scholars enough to make a medium sized Sunday school, if they could only be persuaded to come. I think if they would come a time or two they would be pleased with it. With such brethren as Beasecker, Bemenderfer and Blue at the head of the school we are bound to have success. May the good Lord put it in the hearts of those who have not been present to come.

It was said on a certain occasion: "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" The answer was: "Come and see." So we say also.

May the Lord help us all to be faithful.  
N. A. FRAME.  
Elkhart, Ind.

**Fraternal Notices.**

There will be communion services in the North Manchester congregation, May the 24th, Tuesday evening, in connection with our ministerial meeting.

WM. W. SUMMERS, Pastor.

No interfering providence the Rosedale and Johnstown congregations will hold their semi-annual love-feast in the Somerset Street Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, June 5th, 1892. Usual invitation hereby extended.  
JOHN H. KNEPPER.  
Johnstown, Pa. May 12.

The meeting of the Ministerial Association of the Brethren church of Ind. will occur May 24 and 25, at North Manchester. We hope all who can will come and especially the ministers of the state. Those from other states will be heartily welcomed. Let us come looking for strength for our work. The church at North Manchester is preparing to make us feel at home. They expect to hold a love feast on the evening of the 24th. COME.

J. M. Bowman, President.  
Roann, Ind.

**Dedication of the Mexico Church.**

The Mexico Brethren Church, Indiana, will dedicate their new church May 29th. The dedicatory service will be in the forenoon at 10:30. There will also be services in the evening at 7:30. We are not able to say yet who will preach the dedicatory sermon. We anticipate a pleasant time and would be glad to have our brethren and friends come, as much so as possible and enjoy our good time. As ever,  
W. C. PERRY.  
North Manchester, Ind.

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